

still like to make sure that they're recognized as my good constituents.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It will be noted. Thank you very much, Senator. Senator Abboud. I don't see Senator Abboud. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I rise to oppose the Chambers amendment. I think we've been very fair to Senator Chambers addressing his concerns this morning. I've talked with him at length yesterday and today about this, trying to answer every question he's had. I've been very honest offering all my information and anything that I can do to, to help him be more comfortable with this bill. But I know that Senator Chambers is not going to vote for this bill regardless of what is done to it, so I think there comes a point where you have to say, you know, allow Senator Chambers to do what he wants to, but this bill needs to go forward. Removing these, these two offenses, the reason that these offenses are in here, in my view, and has, whether it complies with the federal act or anything else that a lawyer or someone would bring up, as an individual who has gone through this process, with the victims of these crimes, and the people who asked us to put this in here. Mrs. Cutshall came to the testimony. If you want to find some really important testimony, pull testimony from these bills on that day and listen to these testifiers, these victims. And it's not just the, only the victim, the child who was hurt here, but the entire family, the lifetimes of these families. They never recover from these things. It's heart wrenching to listen to them. And kidnapping, the only reason that the individual who kidnapped Jill Cutshall is in prison is because they got him on a kidnapping charges. People don't kidnap children for ransom any more. It never happens. How often can you remember...within your memory, think of one incident where a child, we're talking minor children here and a vulnerable adults, that's, in my mind, someone who is a child. We're talking children here. When was the last time you heard that some child was kidnapped for purposes of ransom? It almost never happens. The reason these children are kidnapped, as we all have become horrifyingly aware, is in many, many, many cases is sexual assault and sexual abuse. And the false imprisonment, same thing. Roy Stephens himself, from the Missing Youth Foundation, told just a heart wrenching story that happened to him in his youth, which is why he is so active in this movement to push this bill forward and